



Minutes

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TASK FORCE MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.
PEO Offices - Suite 104

Members:

Diane Freeman, P. Eng. (Chair)
Christian Bellini, P. Eng. (Vice-Chair)
Santosh Gupta, P. Eng.
Kathryn Sutherland, P. Eng.

Regrets:

Tony Cecutti, P. Eng.
Roydon Fraser, P. Eng.
Ross Judd, P. Eng.

Guest:

Stephanie Price, Engineers Canada *[via teleconference]*
Christina Comeau, Engineers Canada *[via teleconference]*

Staff:

Josie D'Aluisio
Bernie Ennis, P. Eng.
Johnny Zuccon, P. Eng.

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m., introduced Christina Comeau of Engineers Canada, who would be replacing Stephanie Price during maternity leave. As quorum was not attained at the commencement of the meeting, the Chair suggested that the Task Force begin with Item 4 on the agenda.

4. Action Items Update from July 9, 2013 Meeting

The Chair referred to the Actions Items Update document included in the agenda package and advised that all items had been carried out, with the exception of Action Item 2 with regard to the NFTF recommending to Council that the membership of the Task Force be expanded to include members of other committees, namely, the Professional Standards, Discipline and Complaints Committees, which would have expertise in areas covered by the various elements in the proposed Canadian Framework for Licensure (“CFL”). As adopting any of the elements in the CFL would require changes to the *Professional Engineers Act* or its regulation, representation from the Legislation Committee would be advised.

Action: Staff to draft the Briefing Note to Council and forward to the Chair for approval.

Action: At the September 2013 Council meeting, the Chair to recommend to Council that the membership of the Task Force be expanded to include members of the Professional Standards, Discipline, Complaints and Legislation Committees.

5. Review of CFL Elements and Consultation Responses

5.1 Enforcement Practices

Deferred to the next meeting. Task Force would like to review and discuss this element further prior to recommending for concurrence.

5.2 Code of Ethics

Deferred to the next meeting. Task Force would like to review and discuss this element further prior to recommending for concurrence.

5.3 Public Identification of Engineering Experience

The Chair referred to the document included in the agenda package. Discussion ensued.

The element’s title and corresponding Problem Statement do not relate. The problem definition suggests a need to publicly identify both the engineering expertise and competencies to provide services in specific areas that are required in external legislation. The document then identifies the setting up of specialty regimes within the licensing framework to identify for the public who can do what kind of engineering.

After discussion, the Task Force members could not support the need for this element at all. It was determined that, since the fundamental policy for discipline-specific licensure was not supported, it was concluded that any element to bring about specialty designations aimed at regulating identified areas of practice would not achieve the intent for public identification.

The Task Force members further noted that there are numerous external certification regimes in various industries that, in essence, achieve the original intent for public identification without having to frustrate the legislative limitations imposed by the current national licensure models that do not subscribe to discipline-specific areas of licensure.

In summary, the Task Force does not agree with this being an element in the Canadian Framework for Licensure.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were provided.

Moved by: S. Gupta Seconded by: K. Sutherland CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2013 Meeting

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the Minutes. No changes were provided.

Moved by: C. Bellini Seconded by: K. Sutherland CARRIED

6. Other

No discussion.

7. Next Meeting

Action: Chair to provide dates to staff for the next meeting and ask staff to canvass Task Force members for availability.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.